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application 08/512,993, filed August 9, 1995 (now abandoned). The following U.S. applications are incorporated herein by reference: 08/649,419 and 08/438,159.--

REMARKS

This amendment extends the priority claim to November 18, 1993, in a manner that follows the priority claim in the parent application 08/649,419. In addition, it adds a claim of priority to 08/512,993, filed August 9, 1995.

The priority claim in this pending application is now as follows:

This application is a continuation of co-pending application 08/649,419, filed May 16, 1996 (now Patent 5,862,260), which is a continuation-in-part of the following applications: PCT/US96/06618, filed May 7, 1996; application 08/637,531, filed April 25, 1996 (now Patent 5,822,436); application 08/534,005, filed September 25, 1995 (now patent 5,832,119); application 08/508,083, filed July 27, 1995 (now patent 5,841,978); application 08/436,102, filed May 8, 1995 (now patent 5,748,783); and application 08/327,426, filed October 21, 1994 (now patent 5,768,426). Application 08/327,426 is a continuation in part of application 08/215,289, filed March 17, 1994 (now abandoned), which is a continuation in part of application 08/154,866, filed November 18, 1993 (now abandoned). Application 08/637,531 also claims priority to application 08/512,993, filed August 9, 1995 (now abandoned).

This amendment does not add new matter because it incorporates by reference the same applications as originally incorporated by reference in the preliminary amendment filed with the patent application on November 5, 1998. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,



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**Marked-up Amended Paragraph of Specification to show changes relative to the
most recent Priority Claim**

This application is a continuation of [allowed] co-pending application 08/649,419, filed May 16, 1996 (now patent 5,862,260), [which claims priority to PCT Application No. PCT/US96/06618, filed May 7, 1996, and which is a continuation-in-part of application 08/637,531, filed April 25, 1996 (now patent 5,822,436). This application is also a continuation-in-part of allowed application 08/438,159, filed May 8, 1995 (now patent 5,850,481). These allowed applications are incorporated herein by reference.] which is a continuation-in-part of the following applications: PCT/US96/06618, filed May 7, 1996; application 08/637,531, filed April 25, 1996 (now Patent 5,822,436); application 08/534,005, filed September 25, 1995 (now patent 5,832,119); application 08/508,083, filed July 27, 1995 (now patent 5,841,978); application 08/436,102, filed May 8, 1995 (now patent 5,748,783); and application 08/327,426, filed October 21, 1994 (now patent 5,768,426). Application 08/327,426 is a continuation in part of application 08/215,289, filed March 17, 1994 (now abandoned), which is a continuation in part of application 08/154,866, filed November 18, 1993 (now abandoned). Application 08/637,531 also claims priority to application 08/512,993, filed August 9, 1995 (now abandoned). The following U.S. applications are incorporated herein by reference: 08/649,419 and 08/438,159.

**Marked-up Amended Paragraph of Specification to show changes relative to the
Preliminary Amendment of the Original Specification**

This application is a continuation of [allowed] co-pending application 08/649,419, filed May 16, 1996, (now Patent 5,862,260), which is a continuation-in-part of the following applications: PCT/US96/06618, filed May 7, 1996; application 08/637,531, filed April 25, 1996 (now Patent 5,822,436); application 08/534,005,

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